

NON VIOLENCE

Answering "YES" to any of these questions about your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend or "ex-" suggests that there is serious trouble in your relationship.

Have you ever ...

- Hit, shoved or pushed your partner?
- Thrown things at your partner?
- Driven recklessly with your partner in the car to intimidate him/her?
- Harmed or threatened to harm pets, possessions or friends?
- Smashed your fist into a wall during a disagreement?
- Denied your partner's basic needs for sleep, food, independence?
- Tried to limit your partner's access to the phone, car, friends or family?
- Told your partner it was his/her fault that you hurt him/her?
- Punished or deprived children when angry at your partner?
- Forced your partner to have sex?
- Been excessively jealous and controlling?

To **STOP THE VIOLENCE**, the **Montgomery County Abused Persons Program** helps those who are abusive and those who have been abused.

Please call 240-777-4210
(offender intake service requests)

Abused Persons Program
Abuser Intervention Program
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Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Health and
Human Services
ABUSED PERSONS PROGRAM

NO ONE Wants To Hurt The One They Love...

Counseling To
Stop Partner Abuse

"New Beginnings"
Abuser Intervention
Program (AIP)

RESPECT

WE CAN HELP

The “**New Beginnings**” **Abuser Intervention Program** is for individuals who are abusive to their intimate partners. It offers an opportunity to share with others who have similar problems and teach:

- recognizing and avoiding abusive behavior
- communication and relationship-building
- how to have **real power** that comes from equal and satisfying relationships

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Abused Persons Program has a state-certified Abuser Intervention Program for Montgomery County.

► Participants can be referred by:

- order of protection against domestic violence
- a condition of sentence after conviction for spouse abuse charges supervised by Parole and Probation
- a Juvenile or Family Division Order
- the State’s Attorney as a condition of not prosecuting a case
- other correctional or court-related agency such as the pre-trial services unit (PTSU)

► Participants who want to stop their abusive behavior but have no pending court case or court referral may participate.

Participants must be a Montgomery County resident or have a Montgomery County court order.

EQUALITY

WHAT TO EXPECT

Professional counselors fully assess each client and prepare a plan which addresses all their needs to enable them to stop the violence and put their lives on track.

The **New Beginnings, Abuser Intervention Program** employs counseling strategies believed by many experts in the field to be effective in stopping physical abuse, reducing other forms of abuse, and changing negative views of women and children.

The majority of individuals, who have completed the 22-week group program, report being “very satisfied” with the group experience and having made changes in stopping physical abuse, controlling anger, taking responsibility for their actions and communicating effectively.

The Abused Persons Program also offers counseling or referrals to appropriate partners for:

- people who have been abusive but are not court-ordered
- victims of partner/spouse abuse
- substance abuse and mental health

HOW TO ENROLL

Please call 240-777-4210
Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are in a crisis situation, please call 240-777-4673 (HOPE) for immediate assistance 24 hours/7 days a week.

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